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Mr. President:

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Herewith the haggle in Paris this morning, plus the reference telegram with our text marked on pages 4-5 in red. Here are the debating points.

1. They want to insert the words "without condition" in paragraph A but are prepared to accept also "on the basis of our discussions."

Comment: We could, perhaps, live with this because we have put our conditions in the form of facts of life which would permit serious negotiations to proceed.

(representatives of)

2. They propose, instead of the underlined language at the top of page 5 in the attached: "a meeting including the DRV, NLF, U.S. and RVN will be held in Paris on November 2, 1968."

Comment: The introduction of "representatives of" is an improvement over their proposal; but we will have to see what Ellsworth thinks.

3. Their text "In order to find a peaceful settlement to the Viet-Nam problem" seems all right to me as a substitute for "meetings on the substance of a peaceful settlement in Viet-Nam."

4. They agree to the principle that the date and time of the first Paris meeting be made public at the time of the announcement, but they don't want it in the minute. They have not accepted our two or three days but, at this time, are still holding out for a week.

I assume Sec. Rusk will be forwarding suggestions to you for the next round in the haggle.

Walt Rostow

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